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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Education-required school bus video equipment-2.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school buses; requiring school buses
2 transporting students to and from school and school
3 activities to be equipped with specified video systems
4 effective school year 2015-2016; reimbursing districts for
5 associated costs; imposing duties; providing an
6 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-131(b) by creating a new
11 paragraph (x) is amended to read:

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13 **21-3-131. School bus standards; operators; vehicle**
14 **operation; liability limited.**

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2 (b) Each district shall establish and maintain
3 minimum standards for the operation of school buses,
4 including:

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6 (x) Effective school year 2015-2016, and each
7 school year thereafter, all school buses transporting
8 students to and from school and to and from student
9 activities, as defined under W.S. 21-13-320(b)(i) and (ii),
10 shall be equipped with both internal and external video
11 systems meeting equipment specifications prescribed by rule
12 and regulation of the department.

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14 **Section 2.**

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16 (a) Up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is
17 appropriated from the public school foundation program
18 account to the department of education to reimburse school
19 districts for one hundred percent (100%) of the costs of
20 equipping school buses with internal and external video
21 systems as required under W.S. 21-3-131(b), as amended by
22 section 1 of this act. This subsection shall apply only to
23 those school buses purchased before July 1, 2015, and used

1 within the district for transporting students to and from
2 school and to and from student activities pursuant to W.S.
3 21-13-320(b)(i) and (ii). School districts shall apply to
4 the department, on a form, in a manner and within time
5 specifications prescribed by department rule and
6 regulation, for reimbursement of equipment costs under this
7 subsection. Any district which has received payment from
8 the public school foundation program account under W.S.
9 21-13-320 for the costs of installation of video system
10 equipment on school buses purchased prior to July 1, 2015,
11 shall not be eligible for claiming reimbursement under this
12 subsection for the costs of that equipment, nor shall any
13 district receiving reimbursement for equipment costs under
14 this subsection be eligible for payment under W.S.
15 21-13-320 for the installation of that equipment.

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17 (b) Costs associated with the installation of video
18 system equipment within school buses purchased on and after
19 July 1, 2015, which are used to transport students to and
20 from school and to and from student activities, shall be
21 reimbursed in accordance with other district covered
22 transportation costs specified under W.S. 21-13-320.

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1 (c) The department of education shall promulgate
2 rules and regulations necessary to carry out this act
3 within sufficient time to enable school districts to
4 operate school buses equipped in accordance with this act
5 by school year 2015-2016.

(d) Any unexpended balance of the appropriation under subsection (a) of this section remaining on July 1, 2016, shall revert to the public school foundation program account.

12 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
13 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
14 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
15 Constitution.

17 (END)